

transaction of the business of the office, but the compensation of such assistants shall not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) in any one year. The salary of the clerk and the compensation of the temporary assistants shall be payable by the County Commissioners of Washington County.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That a new section be, and the same is hereby added to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, Edition of 1924, title "Elections," sub-title "Miscellaneous Provisions," the said new section to follow immediately after Section 135, to be known as Section 135A, and to read as follows:

135A. The Board of Supervisors of Elections of Washington County shall annually on the first day of June in each year appoint some practicing member of the bar of Washington County to act as general counsel for said board, and for the officers of registration and judges of election, appointed by them in all matters and proceedings pertaining to their duties and to appear for and defend said Board of Supervisors, officers of registration and judges of election at the hearing of all petitions and suits which may be filed or brought for or against them under the provisions of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Elections," or involving their rights and duties thereunder. For his services as such general counsel he shall receive an annual salary of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), which salary may be increased by the County Commissioners of Washington County, and shall be paid by said County Commissioners. The said general counsel shall hold his office at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Washington County, and may be removed by said board in their discretion at any time, and upon such removal, the said supervisors shall be authorized to appoint other counsel. He shall not receive any other compensation, emolument, pay, fee, appearance fee or recompense of any kind whatsoever for his services as such general counsel, and no attorney's fee shall be taxed as a part of the costs in any case in which he appears as such general counsel.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.